



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021
7:00 PM**

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The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held remotely via WebEx and livestreamed on the City of Middletown's Facebook page on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Present:

Councilwoman Jeanette White Blackwell	Councilman Vincent Loffredo
Councilwoman Meghan Carta	Councilman Anthony Mangiafico
Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.	Councilman Edward McKeon
Councilman Darnell Ford	Councilman Eugene Nocera
Councilman Edward Ford, Jr.	Councilman Philip Pessina
Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr.	Councilwoman Linda Salafia

Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim, Chair
Daniel Ryan, Esq., Corporation Counsel,
Linda Reed, Clerk of the Common Council

Also Present: Christine Bourne – Board of Education
Kevin Elak – Health Department Manager. Acting Health Director
Ashley Flynn-Natale - City & Town Clerk
Christopher Forte, Esq. - Assistant Deputy General Counsel
Christopher Holden, PE – Assistant Director, Public Work
Barbara Knoll Peterson - Mayor's Administrative Assistant
Justin Richardson - Director, Human Resources
William Russo – Director, Public Works
Joseph Samolis - Director, Planning, Conservation & Development
Brig Smith, Esq. - General Counsel

Members of the Public: WebEx (43) and Facebook livestream (unknown number of viewers)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Benjamin Florsheim calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomes everyone to the Regular Meeting of the Common Council. The Chair asks Councilman Philip Pessina to lead the Common Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk of the Common Council reads the Call of the Meeting and the Chair declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

The Chair states that, before moving forward with the agenda, he first wants to note that the City is in the middle of a snowstorm and is fortunate not to have experienced any major power outages in the City. He is hoping that the meeting will run without technical difficulties and we will all have power.

The Chair adds that there is, unfortunately, also some solemn business tonight for the Common Council and for the City. Sadly, our community has recently lost someone, who has given service to the City and has been active in City affairs: Tawana Bourne. She has served the City in a variety of capacities, most recently as a member of the Charter Revision Commission. Her passing was unexpected a couple of weeks ago. The Chair explains that, later this evening, the Common Council will be voting to fill her seat on the Charter Revision Commission, ensuring that the business of City government continues. We also want to recognize Tawana Bourne's contributions to the City government through her participation on this Commission, thank her for her service, thanking her family and friends for sharing her with the City. We give them our best and extend our condolences to her family and those who were close to her. We will miss her. He asks the Common Council to join him for a moment of silence in recognitions of Tawana Bourne's life and her contributions to the community.

2. Accept/Amend the Agenda

The Chair asks for a motion either to accept the agenda as presented or to amend.

Councilman Edward McKeon moves to accept the agenda, as presented.

Councilman Philip Pessina has a procedural question about this agenda, in reference to Item 13, the NRG presentation. He asks who sponsored that to place it on the agenda. He may not be correct, but he believes that they need a sponsoring Councilmember and, either through the Mayor's office or through the Majority Leader Eugene Nocera. When he saw the agenda, he understood it states that that there is to be a presentation by Jon Hall of The Jonah Center, which is always very interesting. He would like to know how this item got on the agenda and, if we keep it on the agenda, was NRG contact. Because this is quite a consideration that the Council has to take. It has to go in front of the Siting Council and the City have representation there, too. Procedurally, he reiterates: who sponsored this on the agenda

The Chair states that he can speak to the second part of the question. City staff has been in touch with NRG about this item. The City is looking to ensure that there is robust public discussion going forward, including the assumption that there will be a presentation tonight. There will be equal time in the future for NRG before any decisions are made. He also clarified that no decision is being made tonight, no vote. He understands that this is an informational meeting from a City Taskforce, he defers to others as to the procedure.

Councilman Pessina states that, if he understands correctly, it was the Clean Energy Taskforce that wanted this on the Council agenda tonight. The minutes do not indicate this, which is why he is asking this questions, adding, had it been in there, he would not even bring up the topic.

Councilman Eugene Nocera, adding to the Chair's comments, the Clean Energy Taskforce is interested in presenting this information tonight, not to exclude NGG in any way. NRG will be brought in, perhaps in March. As an update to the Council as to where we are. Perhaps some concerns at this point. He has also heard that there is no urgency here because funding is grey right now. It is appropriate to bring in information from both sides, which is planned.

Councilman Pessina replies that he understands and adds that it would have been more understandable that Item 13 should have read "as sponsored by the Clean Energy Taskforce" for the public or any Councilmembers. No one can tell that they are the sponsors, which is why he is asking the questions. In the future, he believes that they need to do that.

The Chair thanks Councilman Nocera and Councilman Pessina. He notes that an agenda was made to accept the agenda, but there needs to now be an amendment to the agenda if there is to be a replacement, adding the Charter Revision Commission appointment. He asks if there is a motion to the effect.

Councilman Edward McKeon rescinds his previous motion and moves to amend the agenda, deferring to Councilman Nocera for the details. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

Councilman Eugene Nocera states that they are amending the agenda to add Item 15L under resolutions so that the Council may appoint a Molly Aunger to fill the vacancy on the Charter Revision Commission created by the untimely passing of Tawana Bourne for the duration of that Commission's work.

The Chair states that motion has been made and seconded. He asks if there is any further discussion.

The Chair calls on Councilwoman Linda Salafia.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo asks if the motion has been seconded. The Chair confirms (*inaudible*).

Councilwoman Jeannette Blackwell offers a second to the motion.

Councilwoman Linda Salafia states that she is speaking in the NRG matter, asking if it would be better to address this item during a workshop rather than a regular Council meeting, so that Councilmembers could interact with the presenters, ask questions, and have a longer amount of time rather than just 10 minutes or so. She indicates that this is what she would prefer to do.

The Chair replies that this is a good point and he defers to the Councilmember's as to how they would like to proceed one way or another.

Councilman Eugene Nocera states that the Council could table this item tonight to have it resented at a workshop -- a special meeting -- with representatives from NRG also available to speak. He asks the Council to weigh in on this option at this time.

Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

Councilman Edward McKeon states that there is no motion on the floor.

The Chair states that they should vote on the amendment proposed and consider further discussion. The Council is now voting on adding Item 15L to this agenda, the appointment of Molly Aunger to the Charter Revision Commission. He asks if there is any further discussion. The Chair also addresses Councilwoman Salafia, indicating that he did not see her hand raised earlier. The Chair again asks if there is any further discussion on the pending motion.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The Chair states that the motion to amend the agenda is approved unanimously with 12 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta,

Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia.) The matter is approved.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion on changes to the agenda.

Councilman Philip Pessina asks if they will next vote on Councilman Nocera's motion that the NRG matter be tabled to a workshop. He does not want to see the Council ever be in the position of being seen as listening to only one party. It needs to make informed decisions, whether tonight or another, without giving the opportunity for a full consideration of both sides. He is 100 percent supporting and ask his colleagues to agree to defer this item to a workshop.

Councilman Edward McKeon calls a point of order, indicating that he did not hear a motion.

Councilman Philip Pessina indicates that he believes that the motion came from Councilman Eugene Nocera.

Councilman Eugene Nocera clarifies, indicating that he offered it as a suggestion.

Councilman McKeon echoes that position, saying that Councilman Nocera did not make a motion.

Councilwoman Linda Salafia replies that she tried to make that motion. It is her intention.

The Chair asks if that is a motions table.

Councilwoman Salafia replies, "Yes, please."

Councilman Philip Pessina seconds Councilwoman Salafia's motion.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion on this motion.

Councilman Edward McKeon replies that he was approached by members of the Clean Energy Taskforce after one of their meetings and he indicates that there is a sense that it is a timely matter. There is no indication that a decision will be made or that any other party will be able to be heard. It is a matter of grave importance to the people of this City and its participants and its children that we understands what is happening with the Clean Energy plant and what they are planning to do and why they are planning to do it. He thinks it is perfectly suitable that this matter be discussed at his meeting and that the NRG Company have an opportunity to come and make their presentation as well. He thinks when something as important as the health of this City's citizens and this City is before this Council, we need to consider it. Thank you. He will not support tabling.

Councilman Philip Pessina replies that he agrees with Councilman McKeon says: we are not saying that it isn't grave. What we are saying is that, procedurally, this needs to be done correctly. The only way to do that is at a workshop. It would not preclude any discussion about the dangers and so forth; rather, it would be a great workshop focus for Councilmembers to listen and hear both sides make a presentation, It places the Council in a precarious situation when this comes to the Council and no one knew it was the Clean energy Taskforce because it was not placed on the agenda as such. The Taskforce sponsored it, apparently, but that was not conveyed to the Council. He is suggesting that they simply move it to another date. All of the points that have been made, noting he agrees with them 100 percent, can be discussed in an appropriate forum. The Council does not want to set the precedent that, in the future, this comes to the Council by this route. It is not fair and puts the Council in a precarious situation. It has nothing to do with the importance of this issue, noting he is 100 percent behind that. Procedurally, they need to be careful how things come before the Council for discussion. Respectfully, this is his point.

Councilman Eugene Nocera adds that, given the discussion on this issue over the past five (5) minutes, it has always been the Council's practice to handle these matters in a workshop setting where they have concurrent data presented from all sides of the question It also allows the question to ask question so that they have an opportunity to interact with the presenters. He states that he supports having a joint workshop between NRG and Jon Hall (The Jonah Center) and the Commission at a date soon. We can schedule this with the Council Clerk.

Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. adds that also to include handouts.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion.

Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr. states that, as Councilman Nocera mentioned and as Councilman Faulkner just mentioned, there needs to be information material, which would be great so that the Council can interact with the presenters. They need to be able to ask questions and hear both sides, which is important in making any decisions. He wants to aim for that down the road, offer his agreement to the comments from Councilmembers Pessina, Nocera, and Salafia.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion. He calls on Corporation Counsel Daniel Ryan, Esq.

Attorney Ryan wants to confirm that there is a second for the motion to table to a joint workshop.

The Chair states that he believes that it was seconded by Councilman Pessina.

The Council Clerk affirms, stating that the motion was made by Councilwoman Salafia and seconded by Councilman Pessina.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion.

Councilman Edward McKeon states that he opposes tabling. He does not know what precarious situation it places the Council in. He does not know of any rule dictating that the Council needs to hear both sides, indicating that he has been at many Council meetings where there have been one-sided presentations. He adds that NRG seems to have the upper hand in this situation in its relations with the City and the deals it has done with the City. Obviously, if there is a workshop and it is scheduled quickly as it is an important topic that is preferable. Nonetheless, he is still not supporting tabling.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion.

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell asks as a point of clarification: in terms of this pending workshop, will it include the public, providing the opportunity to also hear information being presented or just the Council. She wants to be sure she understands, procedurally, what she is being asked to vote on.

The Chair replies that others can chime in on this question also. Yes, the Council workshop would be held in a public setting, probably in the exact same format (WebEx) as this meeting.

Councilwoman Blackwell replies, "Thank you, Your Honor."

Councilman Edward McKeon asks, for clarification, at a public workshop, is public comment part of the agenda.

Councilman Nocera replies, "Yes."

The Chair replies that he believes that it would be, same as a Community Meeting.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion. There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the resolution submitted to table this item (Item 13). To confirm, the Chair states that, unless he is mistaken, he believes that it is 11 ayes and one (1) nay vote (Councilman McKeon). The Chair calls on Councilman Darnell Ford. Councilman D. Ford indicates that he was unable to unmute. He is a nay vote. The matter is approved with 10 ayes votes (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia.) And two (2) nay votes (Councilmembers D. Ford and McKeon). The matter is approved.

Councilman Edward McKeon moves to amend the agenda so that the Council names a date certain for the special workshop. The Chair asks if he is looking to put that on the agenda. The Chair asks for a second. Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell seconds the motion, verifying that they are asking for a specific date to be added.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo makes a point of information: he asks if they are looking to come up with a date during this meeting for this special workshop. Is that the intent: that the Council will set that meeting date this evening. He asks to clarify.

Councilman McKeon states that is the intent of his motion.

Councilman Loffredo replies that is what he thought, adding that he is not sure that they will be able to do that. He understands the intent, but is not sure that they can.

Councilman Philip Pessina states, respectfully, he isn't sure how they can do that tonight. He offers that Jon Hall, Executive Director of the Jonah Center, was planning, so they will need to see what date they can work with. Similarly, NRG will need to be contacted to get a mutually acceptable date so that all the interested parties can be at the workshop. He does, however, as Councilman McKeon has said and as the Chair has mentioned, that it be done in a timely manner. For the Council to make a decision tonight, he is not sure how they can accomplish this without the two major parties, both sides who will be making a presentation, as well as for the public to be available.

Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr. states that he agrees with Councilman Pessina. They first need to reach out to the presenters to get a mutually acceptable date. He agrees that they should do this as soon as possible, but what happens if the Council sets the date for tomorrow and the presenters cannot make it. Then what? He asks if the presenters will be sending out information for the Council to read. He wants to hold the workshop as soon as possible, but it also has to be appropriate.

Councilman Eugene Nocera suggests that the Councilmembers may suggest a date tonight, which are not convenient to the groups, but what they can do is for Council Leadership – the Majority Leader and Minority Leader – to work with the Mayor tomorrow to get dates to the Council as soon as possible. We will get it done as quickly as we can, noting it should not take more than a day or two to get a consensus for a date.

Councilman Pessina agrees.

The Chair asks if the Council would consider a resolution to agree that this meeting take place during the month of February and then they can take action as Councilman Nocera as said, take action tomorrow to work on dates that work for all parties.

Councilman Pessina agrees.

The Chair asks Councilman McKeon if this is amenable to him, as the mover of the original motion.

Councilman McKeon relies that he would like to keep his motion on the floor. He has seen the Council make date certain before, adding that if it's a date on the calendar , both parties will come If it is matter of the Council setting it, it is up for a vote, and the Council can vote in it,. He notes that this matter goes before DEEP (Connecticut Department of Energy & Environment) on March 3rd. If the Council waits until the end of the month then, perhaps, our fate will be sealed. It is up to his Council colleagues to see if they can agree on a date or not. This is where he stands.

That Chair asks that Corporation Counsel Ryan weigh in: does the motion need to be for a date certain or is it a motion to set a date certain and then such a date would be chosen.

Attorney Ryan states that it should be a motion to table to set a date certain to have the workshop with NRG and Jon Hall (Jonah Center).

The Chair clarifies, stating that his question is does the resolution need to include the date in it. They are amending the agenda, so he believes that can discuss this later.

Corporation Counsel Ryan replies that several Councilmembers have said that they don't see that the date needs Tobe set tonight. Logistically, it probably cannot, but it can be done quickly.

Councilman Grady Faulkner notes he believes that that one party is present.

The Chair agrees, adding that there is no functional way to deliberate with that party on a date. What they have on the floor is a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion of this topic to the agenda and to choose – to vote on – a date certain when they get to that point on the agenda. For all intents and purposes, it would be discussed at the end, added newly as Item 15M and there will be a specific date that someone will introduce. Right now, they are just talking about amending the agenda to add that discussion. He believes that it was made by

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell states that she seconded that motion.

The Chair concurs, noting that the motions was made by Councilman McKeon and seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Unless there is further discussion as to whether or not to add that to the agenda, he asks that the Council move t a vote. It is getting a little confusing, for the sake of clarity, the Chair asks the Council Clerk to do a roll call vote on this item.

Councilwoman Blackwell	aye
Councilwoman Carta	nay
Councilman Faulkner	aye
Councilman D. Ford	aye
Councilman E. Ford	aye
Councilman Gennaro	nay
Councilman Loffredo	aye
Councilman Mangiafico	nay
Councilman McKeon	aye
Councilman Nocera	aye
Councilman Pessina	nay
Councilwoman Salafia	nay

The Council Clerk notes that there are seven (7) aye votes and five (5) nay votes so it appears that the motion is approved.

The Chair states that they will revisit this issue at the end of this agenda and work to set a date certain. The Chair asks if there are any further amendments to the agenda. There being none, the Chair asks for a motion to accept the agenda as amended.

Councilman Eugene Nocera moves to accept the agenda, as amended. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The Chair states that the motion to accept the agenda, as amended, is approved unanimously with 12 aye votes. (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia.) The matter is approved.

3. RESOLUTION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH
APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION
RESOLUTION 15-21; K: review/ resolution/ Black History – RES 15-21- 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, every President since 1976 has issued a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this observance began with Carter G. Woodson in 1926 for the purpose of teaching the history of African Americans and of showing how they are a significant part of American history; and

WHEREAS, this observance was created to educate all Americans about the unique history of African Americans, focusing on and highlighting the culture, contributions, and accomplishments as well as to honor the legacy of Americans of African descent at the local, national, and international level; and

WHEREAS, The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) has chosen *THE BLACK FAMILY: Representation, Identity, and Diversity* as the national theme for 2021; and

WHEREAS, prior to their capture and transport into American slavery, the African family structure was managed by culture and to the benefit of their community. However their 250 years of enslavement was totally ruled, threatened, managed, and manipulated solely to the benefit of their Slaveholders, while living in constant fear of public physical punishment and separation by auction to others at any time for profit; and

WHEREAS, this "Slave Society" included cultural patterns that would become the basis of their post slavery community, e.g., slaveholders approved plantation-bound marriages with "official" vows that concluded with ". . . 'til death or DISTANCE do you part," in addition forced breeding was imposed to increase the births of income-producing children, both key problematic familial patterns; and

WHEREAS, Emancipation and the passage of the 13th Amendment in 1865 freed them, now they had to take control of their own families and participate in society beyond the plantation, no longer under the direct control of a slaveholder family, but having to now provide food and shelter on their own with no means of support and amidst quickly passed "Black Codes" and "Jim Crow" laws; and

WHEREAS, after 100 years of Jim Crow and Segregation, in 1965 a Department of Labor report was produced by future Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, entitled "The Negro Family: The Case For National Action." This report used statistical data and field research to measure and connect the growing dysfunction of these families as compared to White Americans, in search of a reasonable cause and to propose a solution; and

WHEREAS, the lack of employment of the African American males, matriarchal households, high density urban housing and children out of wedlock rose as key factors of specific focus, further analysis and field interviews suggested a connection between societal conditioning and practices during enslavement and the current "separate but unequal" structure of the time; and

WHEREAS, the report concludes with recommending specific focus designed to ". . . have the effect of . . . enhancing the stability and resources of the Negro Family," however, the report was put aside as the Civil Rights Movement began in earnest requiring immediate attention; and

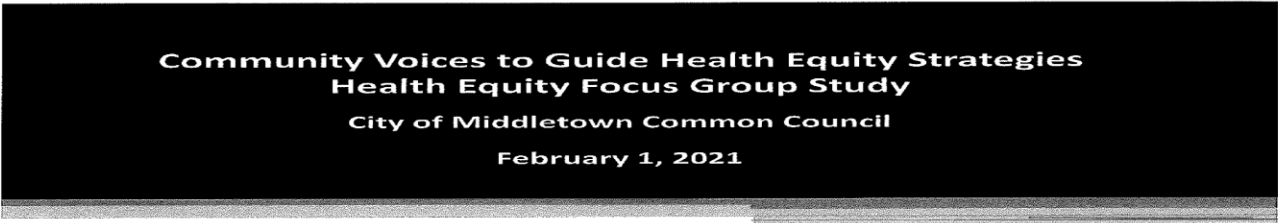
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Middletown supports the observance of Black History Month and encourages families to increase family knowledge and relationships, celebrating around projects such as family searches and family reunions; such activities can make a significant positive impact on the stability, health and sense of Pride in the Black family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that in a diverse population, solution-seeking analysis should include racial and ethnicity data so that historical and cultural factors can be explored as part of the solutions; a recent local example is the collaboration between Middlesex Health and the Middlesex County NAACP which provided a base of information that will be used to inform strategies and future actions towards the goal of health equity in Middlesex County.

Councilman Grady Faulkner Jr. reads the resolution, noting that he has sponsored this resolution and all Councilmembers are co-sponsors. Councilman Faulkner moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.'

Coalman Faulkner thanks his colleagues for their co-sponsorship. With the things that are happening in the world, the pandemic affected the publication of data, which still has not yet been published. He recalled items pertaining to the Black family by Ta-Nehisi Coates related to the Black family in *The Atlantic Magazine*, in 2014 "The Case of Reparations" and, in 2015, "Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration." They are two important articles. In one, he found the report published by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, which pointed to all of the things that have been exposed during this pandemic. That is why the report by Middlesex Health and the NAACP is relevant. He has invited members of both entities to offer a few mints of what they food in their reports: Catherine Rees of Middlesex Health and Judy Omphroy of Middlesex NAACP.

Judy Omphroy of the NAACP thanks Councilman Faulkner for inviting them to present this evening. The report is from the NACCP Health Committee, She is the Chair along with Catherine Rees the co-chair. They want to share the results of their 2019 study. In the proclamation, one thing that Councilman Faulkner states is that solution seeks has involves diversity. To find a solution or policy new need to go to the people who are impacted to be sure that they are at the table



Judy Omphroy
Catherine Rees
Middlesex County NAACP Unit 2018-B Health Committee



The focus group study objectives came from the national NAACP It is for health equality for all Americans, including a healthy lifestyle, high quality health care, affordable health care, and consideration of the local disparities in health care of which we are all aware of in this action today, If you remove the words “All Americans” and put in “Middlesex County” and “Middletown,” that is our goal: to achieve health equity in Middlesex County and Middletown, They set aside goals to try to figure out why there are disparities what are the condition that people think contribute to these disparities and what can we do about it. It say “Nothing about us, without us, is for us,” noting that Councilmembers have probably heard this expression before, for the committee to come up with solutions, they needed to get to the voices of the people who live here. They were fortunate to get funding from the wellness Foundation of Middlesex County, the Women’s Fund of Middlesex Health, and the Connecticut Health Foundation.

Focus Group Study Objectives

Health Equality for all Americans
Including a Healthy Life and High-Quality Health Care!

Everyone will have equal access to affordable, high-quality health care, and racially disparate health outcomes will end.

Nothing about us
Without us
Is for us

- Aim 1:** Identify the factors that impact health and well-being.
- Aim 2:** Determine how systems and local conditions are driving racial disparities in health outcomes.
- Aim 3:** Identify community-driven actions for creating change.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY NAACP

Catherine Rees of Middlesex Health continues. She takes a moment to thank Judy Omphroy for her leadership and vision at the NAACP health Committee as well as Faith Jackson, President of the Middlesex County NAAC for her unwavering support of their work. She also thanks Councilman Faulkner for his resolution honoring Black History Month and for inviting them to speak this evening. The focus group report: its intention is to collect meaningful data from communities of color. There is a significant data gap in Middlesex County aggregated by race and ethnicity, she has seen this at a more national level regarding Covid-19 morbidity and mortality data, which was not aggregated by race and ethnicity in the beginning. It is imperative to have data by race and ethnicity and the voice of the community. Phase I of the project was fortunate to work with the Heath Equities Action Team. They did an excellent job organizing the focus groups and analyzing the data and producing the report. They were together as the health committee for the entire project.

Focus Group Details

- **Conducted by Health Equity Solutions**
- **Sample size:** 43 participants across 5 focus groups
- **Fills a Data Gap due to** lack of sufficient local data by race and ethnicity

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Five focus groups were conducted for a total of 43 participants, primary Black and African community members. Health Equities asked the participants what their perceptions are of the biggest health issues in Middlesex County. The top responses were diabetes, high blood pressure, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease. This tracks with national data among the Black and African communities. The focus group was on target. The focus group member noted factors such as housing and insecurity – housing, financial, among other things. As Councilman Faulkner mentioned, there is a deep history for these inequities.



Perceptions of the Biggest Health Problems in Middlesex County

Table 4. Health Issues Ranked as Number 1 in Local Town

Health Issue	# of Responses	% of Total Responses
Diabetes	11	30%
High blood pressure/hypertension	10	27%
Cardiovascular disease	5	14%
Cancer	3	8%
Substance abuse	2	5%
Insurance (Quality/Accessibility/Affordability)	2	5%
Obesity	1	3%
Asthma	1	3%
Urgent care wait time	1	3%
Prostate disease	1	3%



Middlesex County NAACP
Unit 2018

Contributing Factors Identified by Residents

What are the main causes of disease in Middlesex County?

Behavior/Lifestyle/Culture & Knowledge:

"Most of us continue to eat 'grandma's cooking,' 'aunty's cooking' ... Nobody worried about how much weight you had or how it affected your health...now we're trying to play catch up."



Contributing Factors Identified by Residents

What are the main causes of disease in Middlesex County?

Competing Priorities & Socioeconomic Status:

*"You **can't afford** your medicine because you got to pay your rent. **You can't get** your vegetables because you done paid your rent; you got your medicine; and the only thing you can afford is a can of beans. Alright, they're two for a dollar. **That's all you can get.**"*



Judy Omphroy continues, noting that there are any different factors. Some quotes are shared. One causes of disparities is housing and environmental factors. Landlords don't do enough to look out for residents. People have kids, they may get asthma.

Contributing Factors Identified by Residents

What are the main causes of disease in Middlesex County?

Housing & Environmental Factors:

*"I think, the housing affects living, like repairs and stuff. **Landlords around here don't do enough** to look out for the residents. ...a lot of people out here have kids... Maybe they might get **asthma** from all the **asbestos** or something in the walls and stuff like that."*



Another quote is the impact of stress, adding they there is a tendency not to pen up. It eats at you and affects health. There are three quotes that show the things that impact disparate health outcomes in Middlesex County

Contributing Factors Identified by Residents

What are the main causes of disease in Middlesex County?

Mental Health/Stress:

*"**Stress** has everything to do with it. We have a tendency **not to open up** ...and it eats at you and **really affects your health** and is a big factor with high blood pressure."*

*"So, there's always stress. And one of the big stress factors to me and I'm not saying this as a racial remark **being a black man in America** is a serious job you know 24/7 because you have got to learn how to live within your home, your community, as well as go downtown, across town where all of a sudden if you physically large and vocal now here come the threats. So, you know what, **the process never stops.**"*



Some of the recommendations sharing here: help people find accessible, affordable health facilities and other resources. There are lots of resources here in Middletown, but they need more for the people in between the

children and seniors, they don't feel that they are in touch with ways to improve their health. They want them to be more often, ore than annual events where can voice opinions just like in focus groups.

Recommendations

- Access to affordable gym facilities or ways to exercise
- Resources for adults (versus seniors and children)
- Communication and education
 - Reaching more Middlesex residents
 - Increasing frequency of existing events
 - Interventions that meet people where they are
 - Interventions that are sustainable



Catherine Rees continues, noting that another priority is partnership to address disparities, especially in light of Covid-19 morbidity and mortality. This report was completed in November 2019, right before Covid. Now everything we do is through the Covid-19 lenses and the understanding that Covid-19 is a public health crisis. Examples include addressing food insecurity, a doula program, supporting health equity advocacy, and actively working on the Covid-19 message and supply campaign for people of color to address disparities. She notes that Rev. Robin Anderson has been a wonderful partner in these projects.


Addressing the Needs: Partnership

- **Middlesex Health:**
 - Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategy
- **Greater Middletown Health Enhancement Community:**
 - Food Insecurity
 - CHW/Doulas- pre/post-natal support
- **Ministerial Health Fellowship:**
 - Supporting advocacy efforts to ensure state legislators act upon our priorities regarding health equity- Medicare/Husky eligibility
 - Crisis Counselors
- **Middlesex County COVID-19 People of Color Health Initiative:**
 - Keeping the BIPOC community informed regarding COVID-19 prevention efforts and vaccines; providing resources and needed supplies (e.g., wellness packages)

Covid -19

Racism is a Public Health Crisis

Lens



Middlesex County NAACP
Unit 2018

What they have been working recently is excellent recommendation as a living document to create a road map for the health committee's next steps They are happy to share to provide resources they will be embarking on a project funded by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, providing health and wellbeing senior for adults with topics guided by the community voice. They will also have a children's program with art, education, and therapy.

Addressing The Needs: Communication & Education

*Building initiatives **guided by community voice***


- Program: "Protecting our Health from the Impacts of Race, Racism, and COVID-19,"
 - **Objective:** Address the focus group participants' calls for recurring dialogue-based sessions
 - quarterly adult health program (topics will be drawn from FG report)
 - monthly children's program that couples health education with art therapy

Funded by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County

Covid -19

Racism is a Public Health Crisis

Lens



Middlesex County NAACP
Unit 2018

Judy Omphroy continues, noting that in addition to these projects, they will now go into Phase 2 of the study to hold focus groups with the Latinex community. They have finding and are looking for more. They


want to address the Latinex and African-American groups. She acknowledges all the efforts that Catherine Rees does for the community. Their goal is to start off with Nothing About us Is for us Without us. As the Council works, she asks them to include the community and thanks them for that. She invites questions and notes that there is a link to the focus groups. The email is HealthCommittee2018@gmail.com. They will send the link, if requested.

Latinx Focus Groups

- Latinx Focus Groups:
 - **Objective:** Establish relationships with Latino community and organizations to conduct focus groups, listening sessions, and/or community conversations that will identify the needs and preferences of the Latinx community

*Funded by the Liberty Bank Foundation and
Middlesex Health Women's Wellness Fund
(and, looking for more funding partners)*

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Crisis
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Questions?

Thank you!

healthcommittee2018@gmail.com

Report Link:
<https://www.middletownpress.com/middletown/article/Middlesex-Health-NAACP-project-focuses-on-good-15584885.php>



Councilman Faulkner thanks Judy Omphroy and Catherine Rees for all that they do. The Council appreciates their efforts and sees the effects, as on the weekly Covid calls. It's fabulous and he asks that they keep up their work.

The Chair thanks Councilman Faulkner, Judy Omphroy, and Catherine Rees for their work

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell thanks them for the presentation. Listening to the comments, she notes that a lot that was said correlates with the focus groups of the National Coalition for Community and Justice. Once again, we are hearing similar themes from the black and brown community. This reaffirms what they have been hearing from people of color in the community.

Councilman Nocera echoes thanks. They hear these themes at the Wednesday Covid meetings and racism as a public health crisis. We know that we are committed to make a difference, including discussions at the Community Health Center. He thanks Councilman Edward McKeon for organizing that effort on Tuesday at 6:00 PM from the Community Health Center. There are a lot of variable that are moving in the right direction to rectify this.

The Chair is grateful that the Council takes this obligation so seriously. As they were talking about earlier, Black History Month is about understanding and learning about Black history, celebrating and teaching Black history in Middletown, creating Black history. It is building a path forward as outlined in this presentation and in so many other venues to make this a just and fair community for all. Without any further discussion, he moves declares this Black History Month by acclamation he thanks these presenters and Councilman Faulkner for making this possible this evening. The resolution is approved by acclamation. It is moved by Councilman Nocera and seconded by Councilman Pessina. The motion is affirmed unanimously by the Council (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina, and Salafia.)

Point of Order

The Chair calls on Councilman Anthony Sr.

Councilman Gennaro indicated that, in the last vote to amend the agenda, the tally was 7 aye votes and 5 nay votes. This vote was to add to the agenda Councilman McKeon's motion. He asks if there needs to be a minimum of 9 votes to amend the agenda. He asks if this question should be presented to Corporation Counsel.

The Chair agrees that the question should be presented to Attorney Ryan to address for Item 15M.

Councilman Gennaro asks if a simple majority is sufficient to add this item to the agenda.

The Chair calls on Corporation Counsel Ryan.

Corporation Counsel Ryan states that this is something that came up tonight. As this item was not on the original agenda, it requires a 2/3 majority to amend the agenda.

The Chair notes that, although there was a majority vote to amend the agenda, it was not a 2/3 majority. He will make the commitment that this matter be rescheduled promptly, whether they set a date tonight or not. Based on the vote, it will not be added to the agenda tonight.

Councilman Gennaro thanks the Chair. The Chair thanks Councilman Gennaro and Corporation Counsel Ryan. He will update the Council.

4. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of December 17, 2020

Councilman Eugene Nocera moves to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 17, 2020. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

5. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 4, 2021

Councilman Philip Pessina moves to approve the minutes of the regular of January 4, 2021. Councilman Anthony Mangiafico seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

6. Approval of Minutes: Community Meeting of January 14, 2021

Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. moves to approve the minutes of the Community Meeting of January 14, 2021. Councilman Anthony Mangiafico seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

7. Public Hearing on Agenda Items – Opens

The Chair opens public hearing at 8:07 PM. The Chair invites any member of the public looking to speak can do so by indicating using the WebEx hand raise function. Comments are limited to items on the agenda. Each speaker will have a maximum of five (5) minutes to speak. Speakers are asked to state their name and address for the record. Speakers in the queue will be unmuted in chronological order.

Jen Hobart: (1807 Manchester Road, Glastonbury): She is President of Local 466. She is speaking to Item 15E regarding Building Superintendent III upgrade to Building Superintendent IV. They worked closely with the City, with the personnel department. They came to an agreement that this is a deserved upgrade for this position, there are tremendous duties added to this job and the Union is in full support. She hopes that all Councilmembers will also support.

Lisa Loomis (88 Crystal Lake Road) She speaks on behalf of Item 15A, changing the LGBTQ Committee to a Commission. She offers some statistics. According to the Human Rights Campaign, 17 percent of LGBTQ people lack health coverage. One in five cannot go to a doctor when they needed to because they could not afford it. One (1) in five (5) live in poverty and 40 percent homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. LGBTQ have been hit, like many who live in the margins of society, especially hard by the pandemic. For example, a disproportionate number of LGBTQ people work in restaurants. It has been incredible for Middletown to support the community as it has with the establishment of the LGBTQ Committee and the incredible Pride festival that was held in 2019. To really support the community, we need to do more and celebrations like Pride, we need a Commission that can address the other disparities and challenges felt by the community. Thank you.

Kelly Robinson: (42 High Meadow Lane); Speaking to item 15E on the Building Superintendent upgrade due to the effects on the job following a couple of MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) He appreciates the Council's consideration and hopes for their support. Thank you.

Laura Timmons: (71 Rising Trail Drive) he attended the Pride Parade in 2019 and it was a great event. He was a participant, he is here tonight to advocate for more services than the Committee does. People still get HIV. Transgender violence still occurs. Transgender youth are at risk now that True Colors has paused its operations. To mimic what other speakers said: let's have more than a parade. Let's save lives and help the community, especially those at risk. She is not sure if the Council is aware, but there have been three (3) murders of transgender people in the United States, especially women of color. One just happened on December 26, 2020 in Brooklyn. These rarely get reported, if reported at all. If reported that are misreported under male names. He support having the community with greater advocacy of this Committee.

Brooke Carta: (905 Millbrook Road). She is Vice-President of Local 466 and is asking for support of Item 15E, approving the job description and reclassification from Building Superintendent III to Building Superintendent IV. She reiterates what President Jen Hobart said. There were a lot of changes to the job description and the union is in full support. She asks the Council to support as well.

Dolly Haddad: (528 Long Hill Road) She is speaking favor of 15A, changing the Committee into a Commission. She echoes the comments of Lisa (Looms) and Laura (Timmons). She has been a City resident for seven (7) years. She and her wife love the diversity of the City and were so happy to finally have a pride parade, a great event. They recently welcomed a little boy, now 9 ½ months old. They plan to raise him here and would like him to grow up in City that doesn't simply tolerate their family, but also values and respects them and serves their community.

Jennifer Billingsley: (10 Longworth Avenue) She is speaking in support of Item 15A, turning the Committee into a Commission, She loves living in Middletown, She is proud to be here and proud of this Committee and the work it has done every time they have a meeting, they ask for feedback from the community. It becomes obvious that what the City needs goes beyond a celebration, beyond a parade and festival that happens nice a year. They need to pay attention to the more marginalized voices of the queer community and also the members of the community, who are in danger. This is a wonderful next step in support. She asks the Council to support.

William Wilson: (220 Woodbury Circle) He is speaking on Item 13. On March 3, 2021 at 3:00 PM, the DEEP will hold a special meeting, a Zoom call, on the NRG energy plant. He believes that this is where this project needs to go. He does not know what good it is to go through the Council and The Jonah Center when, ultimately, it has to be addressed by DEEP. He thinks that his information should be out there so people know what is coming on March 3rd at 3:00 PM website. He wants this information be shared.

Kristen Maturo: (50 Lisa lane) She support Item 15A. She has lived in Middletown for three (3) years and one thing that she loves about the City is the diversity. Having an LGBTQ+ Advisory Commission would show all citizens that we value them and would give them a broader goal beyond a pride parade, allow them to make real changes within the community.

Michael Harris: (8 Elm Street, Deep River) He is the Energy Coordinator for the City of Middletown as a consultant. He is speaking to Item 13. He is aware that there is a great deal of concern in the community

about the proposed turbine at NRG. He is in favor of bringing as much good and transparent information to the Council and community as possible so the best decisions can be made. He is disappointed that the Council is not willing to hear the information that was scheduled tonight. It is his understanding that it was not initiated by the Clean Energy Taskforce, but was sponsored by a Councilman. He does not know why that did not get presented. He does not know why it is an issue and why the agenda does not indicate the sponsor. He cannot speak to the procedure as to whether or not that should be indicated on the agenda. He does not know why it is an issue. He encourages the Council to avail themselves of information available at any stage. He encourages them to set the workshop date if that is the only way the information can be made available to the Council and the community. It is the health of the community that is at stake, adding that there are serious economic considerations that the Council and the City need to consider as well.

8. Public Hearing on Agenda Items -- Closes

There being no additional speakers, the Chair closes the public hearing at 8:23 PM.

8. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance -- NONE

10. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval

Councilman Grady Faulkner Jr. reads and moves to approve the reports and grant confirmations. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

A. City Clerk's Certificate
APPROVED



City & Town Clerk's Office
245 deKoven Drive
Middletown, CT 06457


Certification

I, Ashley Flynn-Natale, City and Town Clerk of the City of Middletown and custodian of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that all ordinances and appropriations passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Common Council on January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., the special meeting of the Common Council on December 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., have been advertised in the local newspaper.

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 28th day of January, 2021.



Attest:


Ashley Flynn-Natale
City & Town Clerk

B. Monthly Reports -- Finance Department: Transfer Report to January 21, 2021
APPROVED

[illegible]

C. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Youth Services – United Way Healthy Child/Healthy Youth – Youth Development, Developmental Assets initiative, and Youth Led Community Supports; Part 2 of total \$3,200 grant for FY 2020-2021: \$1,600
APPROVED

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL

OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:	523	Date of Request:	1/11/2021
Name of Grant:	Unitedf Way HCHY Part 2 of 2		
Amount Requested:	\$1,600.00	Code:	2292-06000-59200-x-x-2021
Grant Period: From:	7/1/2020	To:	6/30/2021
		Rev Code	2292-06000-43242-x-x-2021
Type of Grant:	Local	Amount Loaned from General Fund:	\$0.00
Department Administering Grant:	Youth Services Buereau		

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
United Way Healthy Child Healthy Youth - Youth Development, Developmental Assets Intitiative and Youth Led Community Supports. Part 2 of 2 in amount of \$1,600 for a total grant amoujnt for the entire 2020-2021 Fiscal Year of \$3,200.

Signature: _____

Requested by: Justin Carbonella

Status: Passed

Status Date: 2/1/2021

D. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Board of Education – to reverse Cafeteria/Food Service request from regular education grants to NEW Food Service Revenue and Expenditure lines: (\$420,941.17)
APPROVED

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REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL

OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:

524

Date of Request:

1/4/2021

Name of Grant:

as listed below

Amount Requested:

(\$420,941.17)

Code:

2450-33000-59405-X-03025

Grant Period: From:

7/1/2020

To:

6/1/2021

Rev Code

2450-33000-43480-X-X

Type of Grant:

Amount Loaned from General Fund:

\$0.00

Department Administering Grant:

Middletown Board of Education

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
To Reverse out Cafeteria/Food Services request from Regular Education Grants and request to the NEW Cafeteria/Food Services Revenue and Expenditure Lines. See new Grant Request #525. 8/1/20 (\$87,940.70), 9/16/20 (\$131,553.13), 10/15/20 (\$54,004.76), 11/11/20 (\$130.00) and 12/15/20 (\$147,312.58) Total Special Programs Through 12/15/20 \$17,637,223.72 DELETIONS (\$420,941.17) Total Special Programs through 1/14/21 \$17,216,282.55.

Signature:

Requested by:

Christine Bourne, Chief of Administration

Status:

Passed

Status Date:

2/1/2021

- E. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Board of Education – requesting reversal from regular education grants to NEW Cafeteria/Food Services BOE Expenditure and Revenue lines: \$420,941.17

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REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL

OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:525

Date of Request:1/14/2021

Name of Grant:as listed Below

Amount Requested:\$420,941.17

Code:2450-33000-52183-X-X

Grant Period: From:7/1/2020 To:6/30/2021

Rev Code2450-33000-48135-X-X

Type of Grant:

Amount Loaned from General Fund:\$0.00

Department Administering Grant:Middletown Board of Education

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
To request reversal from Regular Education Grants to new Cafeteria/Food Services BOE revenue and expenditure lines. See reversal Grant #524.Total Cafeteria/Food Services BOE through 1/14/2021 \$420,941.17.

Signature:

Requested by:Christine Bourne, Chief of Administration

Status:Passed

Status Date:2/1/2021

F. Grant Confirmation & Approval: Board of Education – 2625 Capital Contribution Form City (\$650,000); duplicate request from Grant No, 485 on 8/1/20; Council authorize BOE capital request when budget was adopted for FY 21 and subsequently journalized on 7/7/20 by City Finance office: (\$650,000)

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REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL

OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:526

Date of Request:1/15/2021

Name of Grant:as listed below

Amount Requested:(\$650,000.00)

Code:2450-33000-59405-X-03025

Grant Period: From:7/1/2020

To:6/30/2021

Rev Code2450-33000-43480-X-X

Type of Grant:

Amount Loaned from General Fund:\$0.00

Department Administering Grant:Middletown Board of Education

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
2625-Capital Contribution form City (\$650,000.00) This was a duplicate request from Grant Number 485 on 8/1/20. The Council authorized the BOE Capital Request when the Budget was adopted for FY21and subsequently was journalized on 7/7/20 by the City Finance Office.

Signature:

Requested by:Christine Bourne, Chief of Administration

Status:Passed

Status Date:2/1/2021

G. Grant Confirmation and Approval: Board of Education – cafeteria/ food services grant: \$4,080.74
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REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL

OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:528

Date of Request:1/15/2021

Name of Grant:CAFETERIA/FOOD SERVICES BOE

Amount Requested:\$4,080.74

Code:2450-33000-52183-X-X

Grant Period: From:7/1/2020 To:6/30/2021

Rev Code2450-33000-48135-X-X

Type of Grant:

Amount Loaned from General Fund:\$0.00

Department Administering Grant:MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
2799-FOOD SERVICES \$4,080.74 Total Cafeteria/Food Services BOE through 1/14/2021 \$420,941.17 ADDITIONS
\$4,080.74 Total Cafeteria/Food Services BOE through 1/15/2021 \$425,021.91

Signature:

Requested by:Christine Bourne, Chief of Administration

Status:Passed

Status Date:2/1/2015

H. Grant Confirmation: Board of Education – miscellaneous grants: \$1,484,023.25
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MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number:527

Date of Request:1/15/2021

Name of Grant:as listed below

Amount Requested:\$1,484,023.25

Code:2450-33000-59405-X-03025

Grant Period: From:7/1/2020 To:6/30/2021

Rev Code2450-33000-43480-X-X

Type of Grant:

Amount Loaned from General Fund:\$0.00

Department Administering Grant:Middletown Board of Education

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Description of services to be provided by this Grant:

2002-TITLE I-IMPROVE BASIC-PUBLIC \$986,934.38; 2003-TITLE I-IMPROVE BASIC-NON PUBLIC \$6,746.62; 2038-TITLE III-PART A-ENG LANG-PUBLIC (\$24,386) GRANT REDUCTION; 2126-TITLE II-PART A-PUBLIC \$130,276.40; 2127-TITLE II-PART A-NON PUBLIC \$35,862.60; 2721-SPECIAL EDUCATION: MEDICAID \$21,264.86; 8001-RETIREEES/COBRA INSURANCE \$281,179.93; 8003-WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS \$3,655.02; 8004-PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FEES \$7,826.00; 8012-SALE OF ELECTRICITY \$673.74; 8023-CENTRAL OFFICE RECEIPTS \$36.11; 8034-ADULT EDUC-ENRICHMENT \$150.00; 8035-ADED - GED RECEIPTS \$13.00; 8036-EVEN START FAMILY LEARNING PROG \$600.00; 8039-ADED PEARSON RECEIPTS \$156.53; 8095-SPEC EDUC-REVENUE \$33,034.06. Total Special Programs through 12/15/2020 \$17,216,282.55 ADDITIONS \$1,484,023.25 Total Special Programs through 1/15/2021 \$18,700,305.80

Signature:

Requested by:Christine Bourne, Chief of Administration

Status:Passed

Status Date:2/1/2021

11. Arrigoni Bridge Project Update: Mayor Florsheim

The Mayor offers an update, noting that this month there is not a great deal to share. They continue with their monthly meetings run through the Chamber of Commerce, co-chaired by the Portland Fire Chief and Middletown Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger. They are doing a great job coordinating and disseminating information. Not all of the work is completed. Walking down Main Street last week, he saw the removal of the old light indicators at the corner of Washington and Main Street. They had been waiting for electrification from Eversource, which had been delays. Due to weather. He is glad that the installation was completed before this latest storm. Signal have now been out into place at Washington and Main Street. The element of the work has been done. Improvements that are an outgrowth of this project, improvements on Spring Street for traffic calming, these plans are going to the Public Works Commission this month for final approval. There were some initial plans that were reviewed by the Complete Streets Committee. There were a number of suggestions, which he believes were an improvement to the original design, including addition of bike lanes and traffic calming features. The final design is going to the Public works Commission this month and to the Council for approval, perhaps at the March Common Council meeting or sometime in the near future. The construction, rather those changes, putting in some barriers and planters, changing markers, and some street parking impacts. He thinks that overall it will be a net benefit for the neighborhood

and Downton. Lastly, as for the bridge itself, that work continues. They alternate lanes as conditions require. Work continues on schedule and he has not heard of any major issues. He will continue to keep the Council apprised. They are happy that the bulk of the work Downtown is done and look forward to continued cooperation on this project.

The Chair offers to take questions, if any.

Councilman Edward McKeon states that he has two (2) questions. First, the way the lights are working now, the signals, is that pattern established or are there further changes. He asks, for example, at Washington and Main, it still seems that there is a 4-way stop with as relatively long cross time. He understood that was to change and he wonders if it will.

The Chair states that it is a good question and he does not know the answer; however, he will pose it to the Bridge Commission. The timing change and he will try to get an answer.

Councilman McKeon states that he suspects that there is an additional change as there is still no left turn signal at Rappallo Avenue. The second question is a comment: once those patterns are established, he urges that the City looks at the North End studies and remember that he traffic patterns that they desire to have happen, actually happen. It is an important part of this process.

The Chair states that the idea of the project is to improve the flow of traffic and they want to make sure that they are working with DOT (Department of Transportation) and offices to study that traffic impact and to be informed for the future for similar projects of this matter. The Chair asks if there are any additional questions. There are none.

12. Covid-19 & Vaccination Update: Health Department, Acting Director Elak

The Chair introduces Acting Health Director Kevin Elak, noting the he will talk about the vaccine rollout.

Acting Director Elak thanks the Council for inviting him to provide this update on the vaccine rollout. In terms of the number of vaccines administered since the rollout: they began vaccinating on December 30, 2020. To date, they have given out 1,175 doses. Of those, 992 are first doses. As week they just started the second round of second doses and have given out 183 so far. Twenty were actually tonight. Middletown is probably one of the only clinics running tonight, noting that they were at the Westfield Fire department, and gave 20 doses to volunteer firefighters, having braved the storm to get there tonight. Things are going very well. They are in Phase 1B now, focusing on the 75 and over population, working with Caty Lechowicz and Andrea Gregg at the Senior Center. It is a great partnership and cooperation between the health department, Chief Robert Kronenberger at emergency management, and the Senior Center to coordinate these vaccination clinics for the seniors. They have a great model that has been the envy of other town since Cathy Lechowicz and Andrea Gregg had the insight, before the clinics started to open, they started to pre-register, getting names, getting people to contact the Senior Center to put their name on the list before clinics started. So when Phase 1B opened and the over 75 people were eligible to be vaccinated, we had a list of over 1,000 people interested in being vaccinated. Once we started, we know our dose allotment, the Senior Center team started reaching out and, with the help of volunteers, reaching out to those on the list to schedule appointments and go over paperwork on the phone, it made it much simpler for the recipients to go through the process when they got to the Senior Center for the vaccine. It was a more seamless process. There was more work on our side, but it certainly has been very worthwhile, seeing the joy on people's faces when they came into the clinic to get vaccinated. It has worked out well so far. They are have now worked out some of the kinks and got into a good groove. They now know by late Thursday/early Friday how much vaccine they will get for the following week. At that point, their schedule the clinic for the following week. We know when we make the appointments how much vaccine we will have to give out so we won't have to cancel a clinic if the vaccine does not arrive. It has been working out well. We continue with that. At the beginning, we were not sure how many people we would be able to vaccinate at the Senior Center. The size of the space, the building is the limitation, after the first day, we found that we did 150 people in six (6) hours. We know after that that we could do more. We now know that we can do over 200 vaccinations a day at the Senior Center. Between the 1st floor and 2nds floor. Everything has goon smoothly. We have the place; we have the people. The Middletown Medical Reserve Corps is our group of medical volunteers, the starts of the show right now. They are the doctors and nurses, who are doing the vaccinations. helping with registration and logging data into the system. He cannot say enough about them, adding the program is largely run by volunteers. They really deserve a round of applause. They are eager to continue to help. As they send out new missions every week, there are responses in minutes of people ready and willing to help with these clinics. He cannot say enough about them. Now they have people and the place. They only need more vaccine. As an example, this past week, he requested 600 doses, looking at the list of seniors for the 75 and over population, they are down to about 450 or so people on the list. They could have finished that group this week. Unfortunately, they were only given 200 doses. It is a bit frustrating, but know it is not just Middletown, but all over the State, hearing about hospital systems forced to cancel clinics because of vaccine shortages. They are doing everything they can to keep this going, but know that eventually the vaccine supply will increase. They will be ready. That is how it is now going. It is a lot of work, but very rewarding. They had a meeting today with the Ministerial Fellowship and tentatively planned a clinic at AME Zion Church next Tuesday. He and the Senior Center staff – Cathy Lechowicz and Andrea Gregg – met with the Fellowship and described the model, which he us shared: the registration process. Sharing that, thesis model that works well. We will assist the Ministerial Fellowship with setting up a clinic. They will start off small to be sure it runs smoothly and then increase moving forward. They are excited about this, getting it off the ground.

Councilman Edward McKeon commends Kevin Elak and the health staff and Cathy Lechowicz and the Senior Center staff for their great work. We need to be warned that we are doing a good job and will see an increase in the vaccine supply to the City. He understands that Acting Director Elak has to be at every clinic. He wants to be sure that Acting Director Elak has the support that he needs from the Council and the City. If that means that we consider additional staff, noting that he understands that the City is getting some money from the CARES Act. Kevin Elak is an Acting Director, noting that he deserves to be the Director. Councilman McKeon knows that there are State statutes that say he has to have a certain degree, but that he has earned it by practice. It is a real concern that, despite the great work that he is doing, at some point, it will be too much for a single person to handle. We need to get help, as needed. In terms of administering the vaccine, Connecticut is the only State in the Union that does not allow medical assistants to administer vaccines. That can only be changed by State law, so he encourages his colleagues to talk to their legislative body and have them consider changing that law. We will get to the point where the vaccine will be here and we will not have the help to get it done. These are two warnings on the heels of great commendations for the work that Acting Director Elak and the staff and City have been performing.

Councilman Eugene Nocera states that he agrees with what Councilman McKeon has said. He notes that he calls that the community is getting from the Senior Center have been very reassuring to our seniors. The frequency of updates have been excellent. He commends the staff and leadership and the Acting Health Director. It has been well coordinated. The frustration is, of course, the State's slow rollout to municipalities. Two hundred vaccines is not enough to kick us to 20 percent in the State soon, this is a big concern for all. The City is doing everything that it can, but he does not believe that the State is doing enough to get the vaccine into the hands of our volunteers.

The Chair calls on Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell.

Councilwoman Blackwell thanks Acting Director Elak, adding that he has partnered with Recreation Director Lechowicz. She hears Director Lechowicz speak on this partnership. She notes that Acting Director Elak has talked about the number of vaccinations that have been administered for the first dosages: 992 and 183 for the second round. She assumes that this 183 adults, who have been inoculated. She asks if he can aggregate the data by race, is that something that he can provide. Of the 1,175 individuals, how many are people of color?

Acting Director Elak replies that is information that they capture when people register. He can get that data. Admittedly, the numbers are small for minority populations, which is why they are working with the Ministerial Fellowship and Ministerial Alliance to improve that,

Councilwoman Blackwell replies, "Excellent," adding that she did hear about the clinic that is being set up at Cross Street. She states that she sent a message to Acting Director Elak with suggestions in terms of outreach to the minority community. She sent that email earlier today and she will call him this week with suggestions that she has. Thank you.

Acting Director Elak replies that he did receive her email and would love to chat.

Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. states that Acting Director Elak is doing a great job. He has a question, when giving out numbers on these vaccines, are these numbers just what is going through that pipeline or are there also numbers for Community Health Center, what they are doing, and drug stores.

Acting Director Elak replies that the data are for the City. He does not have data for the Community Health Center. Currently, the only providers in Middletown are the City or the Community Health Center or Middlesex Hospital. The pharmacies are not offering the vaccine yet, but will be coming on board soon. At the peak, all hands will be needed to distribute the vaccine. No one entity will be able to reach out to everyone, to all who need the vaccine. It will require all of the providers to work together to vaccinate everyone.

Councilman Faulkner asks if it is recommended that we all go through one channel or another. He asks if there is one place to go and if they tell you where to go.

Acting Director Elak replies that, at the moment, because it is Phase 1A people and the 75 and over populations, it is now limited. There is a hotline on the State website to call or an appointment or go through the VAMS hotline. He envisions that as the numbers get bigger as who is included in the population, he hopes it gets easier – more avenues to get the vaccine – whether contacting your own provider or calling a pharmacy for an appointment just like a flu shot.

The Chair calls on Councilwoman Linda Salafia.

Councilwoman Salafia asks for clarification, noting that her father-in-law is on the list for an appointment. She asks if they are doing drive-thru at the Senior Center or do all people have to go into the building.

Acting Director Elak explains that it is currently all indoors. They have plans to do drive-thru eventually. It was never the plan to do that in the winter. As spring comes along and the vaccine becomes more widely available and more people are eligible, they have plans for drive-thru places like Middletown High School and other facilities where we can vaccinate a lot of people.

Councilwoman Salafia asks if it is correct that the City purchased a truck.

Acting Director Elak confirms, saying that it is on order and they will be ready to go when it arrives.

Councilwoman Salafia offers a personal comment. She had to take her moth to Rentschler Field for the over 75 group. It is an interesting situation with six-lanes of traffic waiting inline. Looking around, she notes that as someone under 75, she was clearly the youngest driver. There were fender benders. It was an interesting situation to be in, noting that everyone got in line together and, eventually, all got back on the highway together.

The Chair calls on Councilman Philip Pessina.

Councilman Pessina states that the Council appreciates Acting Director Elak and all he has done. He has taken the lead for the community. He asks for a synopsis on the City's working relationship with the Community Health Center (CHC). He understands that there will be a new location. What CHC has done in this community makes us proud. It makes us proud that CHC is playing such a pivotal role in getting this vaccination out and the testing, which he understands goes well. He asks for an update on that collaboration, adding they deserve the recognition.

Acting Director Elak states that there was a meeting last week with CHC. CHC will be setting up a drive-thru clinic on the Wesleyan campus on Vine Street next to the tennis courts. It is expected to start on Thursday and, hopefully, not delayed due to the weather. He understands that they are sing today and tomorrow for setup and doing dry runs. It may be delayed a bit. They are partnering in that sense, providing support and resources that we can to support that site. The end goal is to get as many people vaccinated as possible. That is what is important. We are working together to benefit the City and its residents.

The Chair praises CHC for its help as partners since the early days of figuring out who is responsible. We have passed that early stage and it is an effective partnership. He thanks Acting Director Elak, Senior Director Lechowicz, and Chief Kronenberger and many others, including volunteers, for all they doing to get this to stand up and get the vaccine out as quickly as possible. He thanks the Council for their questions and this will be a monthly agenda item.

13. DELETED FROM THE AGENDA

14. Payment of all City bills when properly approved

Councilman Darnell Ford moves to pay all City bills when properly approved. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

15. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

A. ORDINANCE: Approving that Chapter 14 ("Boards, Committees and Commissions") the Code of Ordinances of the City of Middletown be amended by repealing Article XIX ("LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee") Sections 14-59 through 14-61 and by approving Article XIX ("LGBTQIA+ Commission"), Sections 14-159 through 14-61.

APPROVED

ORDINANCE No 01-21; K: review/ordinance/ LGBTQIA+ ORD 01-21 – 01 Feb 2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Article XIX, Sections 14-59 through 14-61 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances be repealed and replaced as follows:

CHAPTER 14 BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
ARTICLE XIX: LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION
§14-59 **Purpose.**

After the resounding success of Middletown Pride - which was created in 2019 and attracted over 15,000 people to downtown Middletown - and the significant and historic work performed by the City of Middletown's first ever LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee, it has become evident that a broader mission is needed in order for the City of Middletown to continue to improve the quality of life and well-being of its Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual ("LGBTQIA+") citizens in Middletown.

The purpose of the LGBTQIA+ Commission shall be to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Common Council regarding issues actually or potentially affecting persons within the LGBTQIA+ community, with the aim of improving the ability of the City of Middletown to serve, support, and promote the LGBTQIA+ community, to recommend measures designed to enhance the health, safety, economic opportunity and affordability, educational programs, cultural and learning opportunities, government access and accountability for the LGBTQIA+ community, to facilitate pride events, gatherings, meetings, and forums on issues of concern for the LGBTQIA+ community.

§14-60 Establishment, Membership and Terms.

A LGBTQIA+ Commission shall be established consisting of not more than thirteen members, which shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council. Two members shall be

members of the Common Council, who shall not be members of the same political party and who shall serve only during their terms of office as Council members; and, upon the expiration of such terms of office, vacancies shall exist which shall be filled by the Mayor with the consent of the Common Council. The Commission shall be staffed by the Assistant General Counsel and such other staff as deemed appropriate by the Mayor to fulfill the mission and goals of the Commission. The Commission members shall be electors of the City of Middletown, and shall be knowledgeable about the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community and individuals, shall have a documented commitment to the LGBTQIA+ community, and to the extent practicable, shall be representative of all socio-economic, age, racial, ability and gender-identifying segments of the City as well as different neighborhoods.

The current membership of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee will continue on as members of the LGBTQIA+ Commission, and will continue to serve until the expiration of their current term. Commission members shall serve for three (3) year terms. Future vacancies will be appointed in a manner that will maintain the staggered term expiration dates.

§14-61 Duties and Powers of the Commission.

It shall be the function of the Commission to:

1. Advocate for a culture of respect and monitor progress toward equality of all persons with regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression;
2. Promote policies and practices that have a positive effect on the health, welfare, and safety of all persons who live, visit, or work in the City of Middletown with respect to sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression;
3. To cooperate in the development of educational programs and outreach dedicated to the improvement of the lives of LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors by eliciting support from public and private entities engaged in the promotion of ideals of tolerance, mutual respect, and understanding for the LGBTQIA+ community;
4. To recommend solutions to the social, economic, cultural, and political problems facing the LGBTQIA+ community, and to serve as the liaison between the LGBTQIA+ community and the City's government;
5. To serve as a forum to which individuals and groups can express concerns related to issues of homophobia and transphobia;
6. Plan pride events, gatherings, meetings, and forums that promote inclusiveness, respect, equality, intersectionality, and create visibility for the LGBTQIA+ community in Middletown; and
7. Such other tasks that may be assigned to the Commission by the Mayor.

Fiscal Impact: None

Councilwoman Meghan Carta reads the ordinance and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion and states that he would like to make a point of order.

Councilman Philip Pessina offers a minor correction, a scrivener's error: at the end of the resolution, it should state that the existing LGBTQ+ Committee did the ordinance review. He adds that this ordinance will make the LGBTQIA Commission more robust in the community. They are definitely one of the best, most welcoming, and culturally diverse communities. It is amazing where they came from with a single idea, led by Attorney Christopher Forte. The amount of membership will make the commission robust and make the City more diverse. He thanks all, who called in and spoke in support of this important ordinance.

The Chair asks Councilman Pessina to coordinate the language correction with the Council Clerk. He calls on Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr.

Councilman Grady Faulkner states that he will support this ordinance. He has been looking for this ordinance since the City hosted the Pride Parade. What they are always looking for is a Commission where people can get information, give advice, and contribute. He appreciates this ordinance coming to the Council tonight.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

- B. Approving that the language in Bond Ordinance 18-16 Section 2 be changed to read as follows and in accordance with the attached redline of the Bond Ordinance: "The expected useful life of the Project is in excess of twenty (20) years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$750,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue; however, part or all of said appropriation may be reduced or increased by state and federal grants or aid thereof."**

APPROVED

RESOLUTION 05-21; K: review/ resolution/ /PW firearms training – RES 05-21 – 1 Feb 2021

Whereas, on August 22, 2016 the Common Council approved Bond Ordinance 18-16 "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BULLET TRAP SYSTEM AT THE DINGWALL-HORAN JOINT FIREARMS

TRAINING FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE;" and

Whereas, the approved Section 2 stated "The expected useful life of the Project is in excess of twenty (20) years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$750,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue."; and

Whereas, the City has since entered into a cost sharing agreement for improvements at the Dingwall-Horan Joint firearms Training Facility with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and

Whereas, a Memorandum of Understanding was executed between the FBI and the City to complete a Feasibility Study for improvements including sound abatement and range improvements.

Whereas, Section 2 will be changed to "The expected useful life of the Project is in excess of twenty (20) years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$750,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue; **however, part or all of said appropriation may be reduced or increased by state and federal grants or aid thereof.**" and

Whereas, This change to the bond ordinance language will allow the City to add the FBI funds to the City funds and provide a more comprehensive project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: change the language in Bond Ordinance 18-16 Section 2 to read as follows and in accordance with the attached redline of the Bond Ordinance: "The expected useful life of the Project is in excess of twenty (20) years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$750,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue; **however, part or all of said appropriation may be reduced or increased by state and federal grants or aid thereof.**"

FISCAL IMPACT: Grants will supplement instead of offset the amount of the authorization.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

The Chair calls on Councilman Grady Faulkner Jr.

Councilman Faulkner asks what this grant will do.

Councilman Loffredo explains that it allows them to accept grants, in this case a grant from the FBI regarding the construction of the firing range. The money will be in addition to what the City is spending. It will not diminish funding.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

Corporation Counsel Daniel Ryan states that, if his is an ordinance, this vote should be by roll call.

The Council Clerk indicates that this is the resolution, butt the next agenda item is the bond ordinance.

Councilwoman Linda Salafia asks if Item 15A, which was an ordinance, should have been by roll call vote.

Corporation Counsel Daniel Ryan explains that the roll call vote is only for a bond ordinance.

C. BOND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Approving the amendment of Bond Ordinance No. 18-16, An Ordinance Appropriating \$750,000 for Environmental Remediation and the Design and Construction of a Bullet Trap System at the Dingwall-Horan Joint Firearms Training Facility and Authorizing the Issue of \$750,000 Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof Making Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose, amending Section 2 be changed to read as follows and in accordance with the attached redline of the Bond Ordinance: "The expected useful life of the Project is in excess of twenty (20) years. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$750,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue; however, part or all of said appropriation may be reduced or increased by state and federal grants or aid thereof."

APPROVED

ORDINANCE NO 02-21; K: review/ ordinance/ AMEND ORD 02-21 – 1 Feb 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$750,000 for ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION and THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BULLET TRAP SYSTEM AT THE DINGWALL-HORAN JOINT FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE CITY TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated for environmental remediation and the design and construction of a bullet trap system at the Dingwall-Horan Joint Firearms Training Facility, and for all related services, improvements and costs, including, without limitation, surveying, landscape architecture, excavation, grading, engineering, construction, administration, and

inspection; and all other costs necessary or appropriate for the project, including a water run-off filtration system, fill, concrete, asphalt, ballistic rubber and a contingency amount necessary to cover unexpected construction costs, project administration, advertising, printing, legal, and financing costs related thereto (hereinafter the "Project").

Section 2. The expected useful life of the Project is in excess of twenty (20) years. ~~The total estimated cost of the Project is \$750,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$750,000, no portion of which is expected to be paid from sources other than the proposed bond issue; however, part or all of said appropriation may be reduced or increased by state and federal grants or aid thereof.~~

Section 3. To meet said appropriation, \$750,000 bonds of the City, or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth (20th) year after their date, or such later date as may be allowed by law. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer. The bonds shall be issued in an amount necessary to meet the City's share of Project costs determined after considering the estimated amounts of grants in aid of the Project and will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the City and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, and be approved as to their legality by Bond Counsel. The bonds shall bear such rate or rates of interest (whether fixed or floating) as shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer. The bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other funds available for the payment thereof. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series, the annual installments of principal, maturity dates, prices, redemption provisions, if any, time of issue and sale, and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the terms of any reserve that might be established as authorized herein, shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer in the best interests of the City and in accordance with the requirements of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended.

Section 4. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor and City Treasurer in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the City, or comparable method. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase contract shall be approved by the Mayor and City Treasurer.

Section 5. The Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, have the seal of the City or a facsimile thereof affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor and the City Treasurer pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, and be approved as to their legality by Bond Counsel. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the City and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said bonds the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 6. In connection with the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized herein, the City may exercise any power delegated to municipalities pursuant to Section 7-370b, as may be approved and executed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, including the authority to enter into agreements moderating interest rate fluctuation, provided any such agreement or exercise of authority shall be approved by the Common Council.

Section 7. With respect to the receipt of original issuance premium or bid premium upon the sale of the bonds or notes herein authorized, the Mayor and City Treasurer are authorized, but not required, to apply original issuance premium and bid premium, if applicable, to fund future debt service payments on such bonds or notes or to fund any purpose for which bonds of the City are authorized to be issued, and such application shall reduce the amount of authorized and unissued bonds of the purpose to which the premium was applied, in the amount so applied.

Section 8. In order to meet the capital cash flow expenditure needs of the City, the Director of Finance, with notice to and advice from the Mayor and the City Treasurer, is authorized to allocate and reallocate expenditures incurred for the Project to any bonds or notes of the City outstanding as

of the date of such allocation, and the bonds or notes to which such expenditures have been allocated shall be deemed to have been issued for such purpose, including the bonds and notes and Project herein authorized.

Section 9. The issue of the bonds aforesaid and of all other bonds or notes of the City heretofore authorized but not yet issued, as of the effective date of this Ordinance, would not cause the indebtedness of the City to exceed any debt limit calculated in accordance with law as shown by the “Debt Statement” attached hereto.

Section 10. The Mayor is hereby authorized to spend a sum not to exceed the aforesaid appropriation for the purposes set forth herein, and the Mayor is specifically authorized to make, execute and deliver any contract or contracts, and any other documents necessary or convenient to complete the improvements authorized herein and the financing thereof.

Section 11. The Mayor, the City Treasurer, the Director of Finance and any other proper City official are each hereby authorized to apply for and accept any available State or Federal grant in aid of the financing of the Project, and to take all action necessary or proper in connection therewith.

Section 12. The City hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the “Regulations”), to reimburse expenditures paid 60 days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the City. Such obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date as the Regulations may authorize. The City hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of any such reimbursement obligations, and to amend this declaration.

Section 13. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by Section 3-20e of the general statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance.

Section 14. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City pursuant to Section 5 of the City Charter.

SEE ATTACHED DEBT LIMITATION SCHEDULE

DEBT STATEMENT
July 29, 2016
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

ANNUAL RECEIPTS FROM TAXATION AND REIMBURSEMENTS ("BASE")		
Fiscal Year Ended		
June 30, 2015		121,572,543
BORROWING CAPACITY		
FOR EACH CLASS		
2-1/4 times base for General Purposes		273,538,222
4-1/2 times base for		
Schools		547,076,444
3-3/4 times base for		
Sewers		455,897,036
3-1/4 times base for		
Urban Renewal		395,110,765
3 times base for Unfunded Past Benefit Obligations		364,717,629
MAXIMUM AGGREGATE BORROWING CAPACITY		851,007,801
7 times Base		
INDEBTEDNESS		
BONDS AND NOTES:		
GENERAL		
PURPOSES	59,728,225	
SCHOOLS	9,464,400	
SEWERS	5,061,550	
URBAN		
RENEWAL	-	
UNFUNDED PAST		
BENEFIT		
OBLIGATIONS	-	
BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED:		
GENERAL		
PURPOSES	54,009,220	
SCHOOLS	748,000	
SEWERS	26,746,130	
URBAN		
RENEWAL	-	
UNFUNDED PAST		
BENEFIT		
OBLIGATIONS	-	
CLEAN WATER		
FUND LOANS:		
SEWERS -		
PLOs	4,444,453	

SEWERS -		
IFOs	17,019,167	
SUB-TOTAL		
INDEBTEDNESS	169,580,107	
LESS		
FEDERAL AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT		
BUILDING GRANTS, COMMITMENTS AND		
RECEIVABLES		
GENERAL		
PURPOSE	-	
SCHOOLS	-	
SEWERS	15,000,000	
URBAN		
RENEWAL	-	
TOTAL		
DEDUCTIONS	-	
NET		
INDEBTEDNESS		162,221,145
TOTAL		
DEDUCTIONS		
BALANCE OF BORROWING CAPACITY FOR EACH CLASS:		
GENERAL		
PURPOSE	159,800,777	
SCHOOLS	536,864,044	
SEWERS	417,625,736	
URBAN		
RENEWAL	395,110,765	
UNFUNDED PAST		
BENEFIT		
OBLIGATIONS	364,717,629	
BALANCE OF MAXIMUM AGGREGATE BORROWING		
CAPACITY		
AVAILABLE		688,786,656

Councilman Darnell Ford reads the proposed bond ordinance and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Blackwell	aye
Councilwoman Carta	aye
Councilman Faulkner	aye
Councilman D. Ford	aye
Councilman E. Ford	aye
Councilman Gennaro	aye
Councilman Loffredo	aye
Councilman Mangiafico	aye
Councilman McKeon	aye
Councilman Nocera	aye
Councilman Pessina	aye
Councilwoman Salafia	aye

The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0. The matter is approved.

D. Approving that the new job description for Chief of Police, Maximus Salary Grade 23, (\$53.01 - \$78.44), 40 hours, Executive Non-Bargaining, is hereby approved into the Maximus Classification Plan. The revisions of this job description shall be effective upon adoption
APPROVED, AS AMENDED
RESOLUTION NO 06-21; K: review/ resolution/ HR Police Chief RES 06-21 – 1 Feb 2021

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: that the new job description for Chief of Police, Maximus Salary Grade 23, (\$53.01 - \$78.44), 40 hours, Executive Non-Bargaining, is hereby approved into the Maximus Classification Plan. The revisions of this job description shall be effective upon adoption

Fiscal Impact: None

City of Middletown, Connecticut
Position Description

Title:	Chief of Police	
Department:	Police	
Date:	August 2012	Salary Grade: 23
	Revised: January 2021	

Purpose of Position

The purpose of this position is to command the Middletown Police Department, direct and supervise all subordinates including command staff and to ensure that the department mission is accomplished in

accordance with applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures. The work is performed under the direction of the Mayor.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Commands and directs the Police Department operations, programs and staff; establishes priorities, goals and objectives; ensures compliance with applicable laws, regulations and procedures.
- Develops, reviews and administers the department budget; reviews major purchases and capital expenditures.
- Directly supervises department personnel including command personnel; recommends candidates for hiring and promotion to the Mayor; provides training and instruction; plans, coordinates, assigns and reviews work; maintains standards; allocates personnel and issues performance evaluations on Deputy Chief and ~~some~~ Captains.
- Supervises major police activities to work towards long and short-term goals of the department; maintains high morale, efficiency and effectiveness of all department personnel and programs.
- Negotiates the police contract for management; resolves serious labor-management issues; dispenses discipline including suspensions where necessary.
- Acts as liaison and represents the department in dealing with other City agencies and the Board of Education. Represents the department in dealing with the media.
- Responds to all major incidents and emergencies and assumes command at the scene.
- Attends Mayor's weekly Director's meetings. Attends meetings of the Common Council, Public Safety Commission and Public Safety Telecommunications Commission; Attends Conn. Chiefs of Police Association and related meetings and seminars. Represents all Conn. Chiefs as a member of the Policy Board of the New England State Police Information Network.
- Responds to and addresses serious citizen complaints about the department.
- Maintains knowledge base regarding current issues and trends in police administration and enforcement issues; attends mandated training to retain certification as a sworn police officer.
- Performs other related functions as assigned or required.

Minimum Training and Experience Required to Perform Essential Job Functions

Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Criminal Justice or a related field with Master's level course work in the field (Master's degree preferred) ~~and POST Police Officer Certification~~ with five to seven years of police/command experience or any combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities. Position requires possession of a valid Connecticut driver's license within 60 days of appointment. Position also requires the ability to obtain a POST Police Officer Certification.

Physical and Mental Abilities Required to Perform Essential Job Functions

Language Ability and Interpersonal Communication

- Requires the ability to perform upper-level data analysis, including the ability to hypothesize, theorize and assimilate, to modify or adapt existing policies/methods to meet unusual conditions within the context of existing theories and management principles.
- Ability to manage and direct a group of workers, including the ability to provide counseling and mediation. Ability to persuade, convince and train others. Ability to advise and interpret regarding the application of policies, procedures and standards to specific situations.
- Requires the ability to utilize reference, descriptive, consulting, design and advisory data and information such as contracts, grievances, police reports, permits, licenses, budgets, laws, regulations, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, legal briefs, economic analysis, and organizational analysis.
- Requires the ability to communicate orally and in writing with the Mayor, all Police Department personnel, other City departments, commissions and boards, outside agencies and the public.

Mathematical Ability

- Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; calculate percentages and decimals; may require the ability to perform mathematical operations with fractions.

Physical Requirements

- Requires the ability to operate, calibrate, tune and synchronize, and perform complex rapid adjustment on equipment, machinery and tools such as a computer and other office machines and/or related materials used in performing essential functions.
- Ability to coordinate eyes, hands, feet and limbs in performing skilled movements such as rapid keyboard use.
- Tasks involve the ability to exert light physical effort in sedentary to light work, but which may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects weighing five to ten pounds.
- Requires the ability to recognize and identify similarities or differences between characteristics of colors, shapes and sounds associated with job-related objects, materials and tasks.

Environmental Adaptability

- Ability to work under safe and comfortable conditions where exposure to environmental factors is minimal and poses a very limited risk of injury.

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Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. seconds the motion.

Councilwoman Blackwell states that she wants to clarify the changes to this job description, noting that two (2) key elements have been modified. Some may recall that, when the Mayor was campaigning, he made a commitment to do national search for the position of Chief of Police. To do that, two modifications need to be made to the job description. The first is that this position now requires holding a valid Connecticut driver's license within 60 days. The prior job description required that the applicant needed to have that license. The other modification, is that the candidate has to acquire a post police officer certification. These qualifications have been changed to ensure that a national search can occur for this position.

The Chair calls on Councilman Philip Pessina.

Councilman Pessina states that, in reading the job description, he recommends that under "Essential Duties," the 3rd bullet be modified to remove the word "some" Captains, which removes the ambiguity of the word "some." It may put the Chief in the position of selecting two of the four Captains or one of the four Captains. By using the word "Captains" without the qualifier "some," all would be subject to performance evaluation. It removes the ambiguity.

The Chair asks if this is a motion.

Councilman Pessina states the he moves that the word "some" be removed to make it equal across the board. Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. seconds the motion.

The Chair asks if there is any discussion about the proposed amendment to strike the word "some" from the job description.

Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. asks if we know why the word "some" was in the job description.

Councilman Eugene Nocera states that he sat in the meeting with Deputy General Counsel Attorney Wisneski and the General Counsel Commission on that issue. They always listen to the General Counsel's advice on wording because it was already reviewed by the Committee. He suggests that they look at this next month and report back to the Council.

Councilman Pessina replies that he reason the word "some" should be deleted, and he believes legal counsel will advise, is that can open up an issue because "some." There are four (4) Captains. Just say "four Captains" because it could become a labor situation, putting the Chief in a precarious satiation. Allegations could be made that the Chief is doing performance on that Captain and not on the others. Why put a new Chief in that situation; just deleted the word "some."

Councilman Nocera states that General Counsel Brig Smith should be on this WebEx call.

The Chair calls on Councilwoman Blackwell.

Councilwoman Blackwell states that she was going to defer to Attorney Smith, asking that he speak on this proposed amendment.

Attorney Brig Smith states that he is trying to pull up the document. He asks Councilman Pessina to indicate where the language appears.

Councilman Pessina replies that it is under "Essential Duties and Responsibilities" at the 3rd bullet. It says "... allocates personnel and issues performance evaluations on Deputy Chief and some Captains." That could lead to a labor issue and places the Chief in a precarious situation where he might pick three and not the fourth let's be fair. He advocates for taking the word "some" out of there, adding that Attorney Smith should understand what he is saying.

Attorney Smith replies that he is trying to think in real time, which is dangerous.

Councilman Pessina reiterates just have the word "Captains."

Attorney Smith asks Councilman Nocera what his recollection is. He asks Councilman Nocera is he recalls the discussion at the General Counsel Commission meeting. He does not think there was any distinction as to "some."

Councilman Nocera replies, "No."

Councilwoman Blackwell interjects, adding that the only discussion at the General Counsel Commission meeting were the two items that he described. This particular issue was not raised at the meeting. It is

coming up this evening by Councilman Pessina, which is his right. The members did not discuss this at the General Counsel Commission meeting.

Attorney Smith replies that he does not think that there is a direct labor issue, a union issue at all. He takes Councilman Pessina’s point as to the ambiguity and intimation that it could be “some” versus “all.” He sees no issue from a labor or legal position with removing the word “some,” if Council wishes to do so.

Councilman Pessina asks, if they remove the word “some,” and just put Captains, he would make the assumption – adding that he does not want to make any assumption about the General Counsel Commission -- but they want to be fair and have a performance evaluation of the Deputy Chief and the four Captains. If they leave the word “some” in there, theoretically, there could be a Captain who would never have a performance evaluation. This puts the new Chief in the precarious situation. By deleting the word “some,” you are covered and he or she – whomever the candidate is – would have a fair process to evaluate his leadership members.

The Chair calls on Councilwoman Blackwell.

Councilwoman Blackwell states that this is a nuance and she would like a compromise. Perhaps they can remove the word “some” and leave the word Captains and just move on.

Councilman Faulkner asks if there is only one Captain position.

Councilman Pessina replies that there are four Captains.

Councilman Faulkner clarifies, asking, in terms of whom the Captains report to, do they all report to one person.

Councilman Pessina replies, “Yes,” adding that they report to the Chief and Deputy Chief.

Councilman Anthony Gennaro also affirms.

Councilman Faulkner asks if there is any segregation of Departments at the Police.

The Chair replies that they all report to the Chief of Police through the Deputy Chief, adding that Councilman Pessina and Councilman Gennaro may be able to speak to this.

Councilman Pessina agrees.

The Chair states that the motion has been made and seconded to delete the word “some” from the job description under “Duties and Responsibilities.” There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the proposed amendment. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion on the underlying job description, as amended. There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote on the proposed resolution with the job description, as amended. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

- E. Approving that the job description of Building Superintendent III – City Hall be reclassified to Building Superintendent IV – Public Works, Maximus Salary Grade 10, (\$25.73 - \$38.07), 40 hours, AFSMCE Local 466, and is hereby approved into the Maximus Classification Plan. The reclassification of this job description and salary for this position shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION No: 07-21; K: review/ resolution/ HR Bldg Supt IV RES 07-21 – 1 Feb 2021

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: that the job description of Building Superintendent III – City Hall be reclassified to Building Superintendent IV – Public Works, Maximus Salary Grade 10, (\$25.73 - \$38.07), 40 hours, AFSMCE Local 466, and is hereby approved into the Maximus Classification Plan. The reclassification of this job description and salary for this position shall be effective upon adoption.

Fiscal Impact: Retroactive to 8/25/20 – \$2,576.00
Remaining FY 20-21- \$2,352.00

City of Middletown, Connecticut
Position Description

Title:	Building Superintendent IV/III		
Department:	City Hall Public Works		
Date:	September 2011	Salary Grade: 8	Salary Grade: 10
	Revised: January 2021		

Purpose of Position

The purpose of this position is to maintain buildings and equipment; train and supervise custodial staff located at City Hall, [Green Street Arts Center](#), [Odd Fellows Playhouse](#), [Middletown Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater Middletown Military Museum](#). Position reports to the Director of Public Works [or his/her designee](#).

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.

- Inspects and determines proper functioning of all equipment including boilers, chillers and air handling units; measures oil levels in underground tanks and boilers; checks all known asbestos areas and reports any new conditions.
- Assists the Fire Marshall in inspecting fire alarms and smoke detectors. Checks all fire extinguishers and certification cards each month.
- Prepares daily work schedules and overtime schedules for evening custodial staff; coordinates the scheduling of outside contractors. Coordinates repair and maintenance of equipment. Coordinates special events.
- Works and coordinates with ~~Honeywell or similar contractor~~ [contractors, agencies, and tenants](#) in the maintenance and management of the ~~municipal~~ heating and cooling systems [for City Hall, Green Street Arts Center, Odd Fellows Playhouse, Middletown Sports Hall of Fame and the Greater Middletown Military Museum](#). Manages computer functions for the operation.
- Ensures compliance and maintenance of generator located at City Hall.
- Manages mail delivery system with outside vendor. Ensures compliance with contractual obligations. Manages electronic postage system.
- Orders supplies and equipment needed for custodial work. Oversees inventory control. Orders, maintains and repairs custodial equipment.
- Coordinates deliveries.
- Supervises custodial staff in cleaning functions and safety and sanitation practices and requirements; trains temporary workers as authorized. Supervises and reports deficiencies to the department head. Trains and instructs new employees. Ensures compliance with Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Maintains inventory of supplies and cleaning chemicals. Maintains MSDS logs on all chemicals. Ensures OSHA compliance.
- Checks snow levels on flat roofs during winter months; periodically cleans gutters and drains and removes leaves and debris.
- Assists tradesmen working in the facility; performs minor plumbing, carpentry and painting.
- Assembles and installs or moves new office furniture.
- Changes filters and oils air handling units throughout facility.
- Reviews and submits time cards.
- Performs grounds maintenance functions; mows lawns, trims trees and bushes; plants and mulches flowers, etc.
- Performs other related functions as assigned or required.

Minimum Training and Experience Required to Perform Essential Job Functions

High school diploma or equivalent with vocational/technical training and five years of progressively responsible custodial/facility maintenance experience or any combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities.

Physical and Mental Abilities Required to Perform Essential Job Functions

Language Ability and Interpersonal Communication

- Requires the ability to perform mid level of data analysis including the ability to review, classify, categorize, prioritize and/or reference data, statutes and/or guidelines and/or group, rank, investigate and diagnose. Requires discretion in determining and referencing such to established standards to recognize interactive effects and relationships.
- Requires the ability to persuade, convince, influence, train and monitor, in favor of a desired outcome. Requires the ability to act as a lead person.
- Requires the ability to utilize a variety of reference, descriptive and/or advisory data and information such as billing invoices, purchase requests, work orders, architectural drawings, blueprints, maintenance manuals, procedures, guidelines and non-routine correspondence.
- Requires the ability to communicate orally and in writing.

Mathematical Ability

- Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; and to calculate percentages and decimals.

Physical Requirements

- Requires the ability to operate, calibrate, tune and synchronize, and perform complex rapid adjustment on equipment, machinery and tools such as a computer and other office machines, grounds maintenance and custodial equipment, and/or related materials used in performing essential functions.
- Ability to coordinate eyes, hands, feet and limbs in performing skilled movements such as maintaining equipment.
- Tasks involve the ability to exert light physical effort in sedentary to light work, but which may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects weighing five to ten pounds.
- Requires the ability to recognize and identify similarities or differences between characteristics of colors, shapes and sounds associated with job-related objects, materials and tasks.

Environmental Adaptability

- Ability to work under safe and comfortable conditions where exposure to environmental factors is minimal and poses a very limited risk of injury.

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~~Status: APPROVED
by Common Council, City of Middletown
at its meeting held on: OCTOBER 3, 2011~~

Councilman Eugene Nocera reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

Councilman Nocera states that the proposed job upgrade was vetted by the General Counsel Commission and unanimously approved. It was long overdue and they thank everyone involved.

The Chair calls on Councilman Darnell Ford.

Councilman Ford asks a point of clarification. He asks to confirm that the upper salary range for this position is \$38.07. Councilman Nocera confirms that \$38.07 is correct.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion. There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

F. Approving the allocation of the CARES ACT CDBG Funding to the following Middletown Small Businesses: Avante Spa Corp -- \$5,000.00; Bookkeeping Done Right, Inc. --\$5,000.00; Haichi, LLC -- \$5,000.00 ; The Hair Affair -- \$5,000.00; The Main Switch, LLC -- \$5,000.00; MJP Enterprises, LLC -- \$5,000.00 ;Enve Hair Studio 165 LLC - \$5,000.00; and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all contractual paperwork necessary to facilitate the allocation of these Grants, subject to review and approval by the office of General Counsel as to form and content.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION No. 08-21; K: PCD CAREA Act grants – RES 08-21 – 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown Common Council adopted Resolution No. 28-20 on May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the resolution allowed the City of Middletown to reprogram and program additional Community development Block Grant (CDBG) during the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the allocated funding was appropriated to develop small-business economic relief grants for businesses within the City of Middletown; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved of the use of the funding for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Department of Planning, Conservation and Development has opened the application process for these grant funds starting on June 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development has been assisting small businesses in the application process to ensure eligibility for the CDBG funding; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission met on January 12, 2021 to review completed applications and has approved to move forward those that have qualified; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:
The Common Council hereby approves the allocation of the CARES ACT CDBG Funding to the following Middletown Small Business;

Avante Spa Corp	\$5,000.00
Bookkeeping Done Right, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Haichi, LLC	\$5,000.00
The Hair Affair	\$5,000.00
The Main Switch, LLC	\$5,000.00
MJP Enterprises, LLC	\$5,000.00
Enve Hair Studio 165 LLC	\$5,000.00

And that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all contractual paperwork necessary to facilitate the allocation of these Grants, subject to review and approval by the office of General Counsel as to form and content.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: These grants are funded through CARES-ACT funding and re-allocated previous year entitlement grants.

Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr. reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. seconds the motion.

The Chair thanks the Council for its ongoing support for this program, noting it has been a success. He thanks all for their partnership in this program.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

G. Approving return of remaining bridge loan funds back to the R.M. Keating Park building fund
APPROVED

RESOLUTION 09-21; K: review/resolution/ PCD bridge loan cancel RES 09-21 – 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown's economy and businesses have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City is seeking ways to help Middletown businesses financially through the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council created a \$250,000 Bridge Loan Fund to assist Middletown businesses by offering them \$10,000 loans at 3.5% interest, payable over one year starting in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, as January 1, 2021, only two (2) companies applied for the program; and

WHEREAS, due to the various Federal, State and Local grant opportunities, the Loan Program is no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, at its meeting of January 12, 2021, voted to end the program and return the remaining funds to R.M Keating Historical Park building fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:
 The Common Council approves returning the remaining bridge loan funds back to the R.M. Keating Park building fund.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

Councilman Edward McKeon reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

Councilman McKeon wants the public to know that, in a revolutionary move, this Council set aside monies as loans for businesses at the beginning of the Covid crisis. Two local companies took up the offer for these loans, but, with the availability of PPP grants and CARES Act loans, many took advantage of the grants, which, unlike the loans, do not need to be paid back. As a result, there is money left over. That money was borrowed from the Keating Building Fund. Since these funds have not been used, and will likely not be used, this resolution returns the money to the Keating Building, which has some great projects coming its way.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

H. Approving extending the repayment deadlines for Discount Beauty Supplies Plus Salon, LLC and ProTech Automotive, LLC to December 31, 2022; and, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to amend their loan agreements accordingly.
APPROVED

RESOLUTION 10-21; K: review/ resolution/ PCD bridge loan repay ext RES 10-21 – 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown's economy and businesses have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City is seeking ways to help Middletown businesses financially through the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council created a \$250,000 Bridge Loan Fund to assist Middletown businesses by offering them \$10,000 loans at 3.5% interest, payable over one year starting in January 2021; and

WHEREAS, two (2) companies, Discount Beauty Supplies Plus Supplies, LLC and ProTech Automotive, LLC, each received \$10,000 loans; and

WHEREAS, the two (2) companies, Discount Beauty Supplies Plus Salon, LLC and ProTech Automotive, LLC, requested the City extend their repayment deadline to December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee, at its meeting of January 12, 2021, voted to extend both companies' repayment deadlines to December 31, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:
 The Common Council approves extending repayment deadlines for Discount Beauty Supplies Plus Salon, LLC and ProTech Automotive, LLC to December 31, 2022; and, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents necessary to amend their loan agreements accordingly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT – Positive impact with interest earned from loan program.

Councilman Philip Pessina reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Vincent Loffredo seconds the motion.

Councilman Edward McKeon states that these are the businesses that took advantage of the loans when first introduced. They had no idea how long the Covid crisis would last or the extent of the crisis, which far surpasses initial expectations, unfortunately. The terms of these loans are being extended so the businesses have more time to pay them back.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

I. The Common Council authorizes a bid waiver for the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development to hire Brown and Wimler to construct additional incubator tenant spaces at 180 Johnson Street.

APPROVED

RESOLUTION No. 11-21; K: review/ resolution/ bid waiver Brown&Wimler RES 11-21 – 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown's runs an incubator business center at 180 Johnson Street; and,

WHEREAS, city offers small startup businesses space for below market rates so that businesses can establish themselves in Middletown; and,

WHEREAS, during the public health emergency of COVID-19 the small businesses at 180 Johnson Street and throughout town are looking for work and inexpensive space; and

WHEREAS, the City is looking to create more incubator business space at 180 Johnson Street (R.M. Keating Historical Enterprise Park) to accommodate additional businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the city currently rents to a construction business known as Brown and Wimler at 180 Johnson Street; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to hire Brown and Wimler to buildout the additional incubator space needed for new tenants; and,

WHEREAS, Brown and Wimler has done work for other tenant at 180 Johnson Street; and,

WHEREAS, Brown and Wimler will match the State contract trade-labor rate for the work; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:
The Common Council authorizes a bid waiver for the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development to hire Brown and Wimler to construct additional incubator tenant spaces at 180 Johnson Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Work to be paid for out of revenues from R.M. Keating Historical Enterprise Park.

Councilman Philip Pessina reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Vincent Loffredo seconds the motion.

Councilman Grady Faulkner asks why there is a waiver.

Councilman McKeon and Councilman Loffredo both reply that they can offer and answer. Councilman McKeon defers to Councilman Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo states that the waiver being granted, the work being done to build out the additional incubator space is actually going to be awarded through this professionals services agreement to a current tenant, who has assisted the City in other breakouts and expansions done at this property. Based on that workmanship, this matter is before the Council.

Councilman McKeon adds that this company has agreed to meet the State bid limits.

Councilman Faulkner asks if there is a City committee that addresses things like this, the waiver.

Councilman McKeon asks if it is Finance & Government.

Councilman Faulkner (*inaudible*).

Councilman Anthony Gennaro, Sr. note that it went to Economic Development and to Finance & Government with Councilman McKeon and Councilman Loffredo, noting that both committees vetted this request. He understands that it was also done in the past.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

The Council Clerk notes that a text message just came in from Planning, Conservation & Development Director Joseph Samolis, indicating that the matter went before the City's Standardization Committee. The Chair notes that this means that the item had to meet the bid requirement.

J. Approving (1) that the City of Middletown authorizes the Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the roof replacement

project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School; (2) that the City of Middletown authorizes the development of plans and specifications for the roof replacement project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School; and (3) that the City of Middletown hereby names the Middletown Board of Education Facilities Committee as the Building Committee and authorizes the Building Committee charge of the roof replacement project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School.

APPROVED, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION 12-21; RESOLUTION 13-21 K: review/ resolution/ BOE Snow School roof RES 12-21 – 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, the City Common Council of the Middletown, County of Middlesex, Connecticut, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must replace the roof at Wilbert Snow Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council authorizes the Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the roof replacement project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council authorizes the development of plans and specifications for the roof replacement project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council hereby names the Middletown Board of Education Facilities Committee as the Building Committee and authorizes the Building Committee charge of the roof replacement project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

(1) that the City of Middletown authorizes the Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the roof replacement project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School.

(2) that the City of Middletown authorizes the development of plans and specifications for the roof replacement project at the Wilbert Snow Elementary School.

(3) that a building committee be appointed in accordance with the Code of the City of Middletown Chapter 14 Article VI. Building Committees sections 14-23 Appointment and 14-24 Membership.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the City. The Department of Administrative Services grant reimbursement rate is 66.43%. There is a potential 5% reduction in reimbursement for Wilbert Snow Elementary School due to the fact that the prior roof replacement close out occurred less than 20 years ago. The matching funds will come from the 2020-2021 Board of Education budget.

Councilwoman Linda Salafia reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Anthony Mangiafico seconds the motion.

The Chair calls on Councilman Vincent Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo offers an amendment to the resolution to section (3), stating that a building committee be appointed in accordance with the Code of the City of Middletown Chapter 14 Article VI. Building Committees sections 14-23 Appointment and 14-24 Membership. He moves to approve the amendment. Councilman Eugene Nocera seconds the motion to amend.

Councilman Loffredo, in terms of background states, that, having served on the Board of Education (BOE) prior to his current term on the Common Council, he attended various BOE committees, including the facilities Committee. At their recent meeting on January 20, 2021, the BOE presented preliminary figures for both projects. These figures include what the City's estimated 34 percent of the cost with State reimbursement of 66 percent, putting the figures together make each proposal over \$500,000. Per the Code of ordinance, this situation, they cannot appoint a standing committee. The City Code of Ordinances is clear that if the cost of less is than \$500,000, they could appoint a standing committee. In light of the fact that both projects deal with costs of over \$500,000, we have to apply the other two sections of the Building Code, which are cited.

Councilwoman Salafia asks if he is referring to the cost of the two projects combined or to each project.

Councilman Loffredo states that each project. He hopes, as an aside, that the membership of each committee would be the same, simply having responsibility for two difference projects. They could be done.

There being no further discussion on the proposed amendment, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion to amend is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The motion to amend is approved.

The Chair asks if there is any further discussion on the underlying motion, as amended.

There being no discussion on the underlying motion, as amended, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

- K. Approving (1) that the City of Middletown authorizes the Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School; (2) that the City of Middletown authorizes the development of plans and specifications for the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School; and (3) that the City of Middletown hereby names the Middletown Board of Education Facilities Committee as the Building Committee and authorizes the Building Committee charge of the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School.**

APPROVED, AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION 13-21; K: review/ resolution/ Farm Hill roof - RES 13-21 – 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, the City Common Council of the Middletown, County of Middlesex, Connecticut, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must replace the roof at Farm Hill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council authorizes the Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council authorizes the development of plans and specifications for the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council hereby names the Middletown Board of Education Facilities Committee as the Building Committee and authorizes the Building Committee charge of the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

(1) that the City of Middletown authorizes the Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School.

(2) that the City of Middletown authorizes the development of plans and specifications for the roof replacement project at the Farm Hill Elementary School.

(3) that a building committee be appointed in accordance with the Code of the City of Middletown Chapter 14 Article VI. Building Committees sections 14-23 Appointment and 14-24 Membership.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the City. The Department of Administrative Services grant reimbursement rate is 66.43%. The matching funds will come from the 2020-2021 Board of Education budget.

Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Philip Pessina seconds the motion.

The Chair calls on Councilman Vincent Loffredo.

Councilman Loffredo offers an amendment to the resolution to section (3), stating that a building committee be appointed in accordance with the Code of the City of Middletown Chapter 14 Article VI. Building Committees sections 14-23 Appointment and 14-24 Membership. He moves to approve the amendment. Councilman Edward Ford, Jr. seconds the motion to amend.

There being no discussion on the proposed amendment, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion to amend is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The motion to amend is approved.

The Chair asks if there is any discussion on the underlying motion, as amended.

There being no discussion on the underlying motion, as amended, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia) The matter is approved.

- L. Approving the appointment of Molly Auger, a Democrat, to the Charter Revision Commission to serve in the seat left vacant by Tawana Bourne's untimely passing.**

APPROVED

RESOLUTION No. 14-21; K: review/ resolution/ CC Charter Rev Molly Auger – RES 14-21 – 1 Feb 2021

WHEREAS, the Common Council created a Charter Revision Commission at its September 8, 2020 meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 7-190(a), the Common Council appointed 11 Middletown electors to serve as members of the Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, under that statute, no more than a bare majority of appointees can be members of one political party; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council appointed Tawana Bourne, a Democrat, to serve on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bourne passed away unexpectedly on January 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Commission must complete its duties according to statute and pursuant to a tight timeline, which requires the Common Council to name a replacement Commissioner who is also a Democrat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middletown appoints Molly Auger, a Democrat, to the Charter Revision Commission to serve in the seat left vacant by Tawana Bourne's untimely passing.

Fiscal Impact: None

Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell reads the resolution and moves to approve. Councilman Anthony Mangiafico seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia). The matter is approved.

The Chair congratulates Molly Auger on her appointment and offers condolences to the family of Tawana Bourne, acknowledging her significant contributions to the City.

The Chair mentions that there is already discussion online about a date certain for the NRG workshop. There are pieces in motion to be sure that both parties are available on the same date. They will continue to coordinate and get the word out to the Council and the public as soon as possible.

16. Mayor's Appointments

The Chair offers the following appointments:

Resource Recycling Advisory Council:

- Krishna Winston (D): reappoint to balance of a 5-year term to April 22, 2025
- Bessie Bianco (D): reappoint to balance of a 5-year term to April 22, 2025
- Lydia Wolfe (D): appoint to balance of 5-year term to April 22, 2022, filling vacancy created by December 2020 resignation of Christine Sherwood (U)

Board of Ethics:

- Sheryl Ford (R): appoint to balance of a 5-year term to December 1, 2022, replacing Ted Stein (D), who passed in September 2020

Councilman Philip Pessina moves to approve the proposed appointments. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

The Chair calls on Councilman Edward Ford, Jr.

Councilman E. Ford makes a point of order, stating that he has a family member on the list of proposed appointments. To avoid any sign of conflict, he will abstain from this vote.

There being no further discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 11-0 with one (1) abstention. (Aye votes: Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia; Abstention: Councilman E. Ford). The matter is approved.

17. Meeting Adjournment

Councilman Grady Faulkner asks for a moment of personal privileged before the meeting is adjourned. He states that, usually, at this point in the February Common Council meeting, they announce the exhibit for Black History Month at Keigwin School. Obviously, it is not happening in February this year. The group that creates this exhibit did put together a small exhibit for the current Keigwin School students, as the last Keigwin School students. They did not want these students to leave without having their opportunity to commemorate Black History Month. They expect that sometime later this year there will be an exhibit, a date to be announced.

The Chair thanks Councilman Faulkner, adding that this is an important part of the City's history. It is a tradition that will be continued at Beman Middle School.

Councilman Edward McKeon asks for a moment for a point of personal privilege. He congratulates State Senator Matt Lesser and Sara Seinfeld on the birth of their son, Sam. The Chair states that they are certainly not watching, but we will be sure that these greetings reach them, hoping that baby and family are doing well.

The Chair asks if there is anything more for the good of the order.

Councilman Vincent Loffredo moves to adjourn. Councilman Grady Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

There being no discussion, the Chair calls for a voice vote. The motion is approved unanimously by a vote of 12-0 (Councilmembers Blackwell, Carta, Faulkner, D. Ford, E. Ford, Gennaro, Loffredo, Mangiafico, McKeon, Nocera, Pessina. and Salafia). The matter is approved.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:40PM.

ATTEST:
LINDA S.K. REED,
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK

K: review/minutes/ 21 February 01 – regular meeting – 01 February 2021